

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing and accelerating the delivery of data implemented in a computer-readable storage medium and processed on a proxy device for performing the method, comprising:

receiving a secure communications request for data associated with a remote site, wherein the request is received from a client and the secure communications request occurs via Secure Socket Layer (SSL) communications with the client and wherein the request is received at a forward proxy that processes within a local processing environment of the client; and

passing the request to a local managing service for processing acting as the forward proxy, wherein the local managing service is capable of caching the data for servicing the secure communications request of the client within the local processing environment of the client and capable of securely interfacing with the remote site.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

determining, by the local managing service, when ~~if~~ the secure communications request can be satisfied with cached data; and

supplying the data from the cached data to the client with secure communications, when ~~if~~ present in cache.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

requesting, by the local managing service, the data from the remote site if the data is not in the cache;

receiving the data from the remote site; and

supplying the data to the client with secure communications.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 further comprising, housing the data in the cache for subsequent requests made by the client or other clients for the data, when ~~if~~ the data is

permitted to be cached.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising, maintaining, by the local managing service, a certificate associated with communications from the remote site.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
transmitting, by the local managing service, to the remote site a first certificate associated with the identity of the local managing service;
receiving, from the remote site, at the local managing service a second certificate associated with the identity of the remote site; and
communicating between the remote site and the local managing service with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) communications using the first and second certificates.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of managing and accelerating delivery of data implemented in a computer-readable storage medium and to process within a local networking environment of a client for performing the method, comprising:

processing a local service of a proxy for communicating securely with the [[a]] client and for acting on behalf of the client during interactions between the client and a remote site, wherein the local service processes within a local environment of the client and uses Secure Socket Layer (SSL) communications when interacting with the client, and wherein the local service presents itself to the client as the remote site and acts as a reverse proxy on behalf of the remote site from the local environment of the client;

managing authority from the remote site at the local service, wherein authority is managed by accessing a certificate of the remote site at the local service; and

caching, within the local service, data received from the remote site, and wherein portions of the data are sent to the client in order to service data requests made from the client to the remote site.

-
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising communicating securely between the local service and the remote site using a secure communications channel.
11. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
initially transmitting a local service certificate to the remote site; and
subsequently communicating securely between the local service and the remote site using the local service certificate and the certificate of the remote site.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising, establishing the proxy as ~~at least one of~~ a transparent proxy for the client. ~~and a forward proxy.~~
13. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
inspecting at the proxy a secure request made from the client for the remote site; and
transferring the secure request to the local service for processing.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein caching further includes housing the data in ~~a the~~ decrypted format within cache of the local service.
15. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein caching further includes sending the portions of the data from the cache to the client along with the certificate associated with the remote site.
16. (Currently Amended) A data management and acceleration delivery system implemented in computer-readable storage media and to process on devices of a network the system, comprising:
a proxy;
a local service accessible to the proxy; and
a remote site external to the proxy, wherein the proxy directs secure requests received from a client for the remote site to the local service, the local service acts as a transparent proxy

on behalf of the client and communicates securely with the client using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) communications and interacts securely with the remote site to acquire data on behalf of the client acting as a reverse proxy on behalf of the remote site, and wherein portions or all of the acquired data are cached within the local service and used to service requests made by the client from within a local environment of the client.

17. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 16 wherein the local service includes a certificate with an identity of the remote site which is vended to the client.

18. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 16 wherein the local service and remote site mutually interact securely with one another by exchanging certificates with one another.

19. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 18 wherein the local service and the remote site sign communications occurring between them.

20. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 16 wherein the client is a browser application.

21. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 20 wherein the browser is configured to contact the proxy when making requests directed to the remote site.

22. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 20 wherein the proxy intercepts requests made from the browser which are directed to the remote site and forwards the requests to the local service for handling the requests.

23. (Currently Amended) A data management and acceleration delivery system implemented in a computer-readable storage medium and to process on one or more devices of a network the system, comprising:

a proxy; and

one or more local services directly accessible to the proxy, wherein the proxy acts as an intermediary between one or more clients and one or more remote sites, the proxy detects attempts made by the clients for establishing secure communications with the remote sites and based on the identities of a particular client and particular remote site identifies a particular local service, the particular local service communicates securely with the particular client, via Secure Socket Layer (SSL) communications as a transparent proxy to the particular client, and the particular local service securely communicates with the particular remote site as a reverse proxy for the particular remote service, and wherein the particular local service caches data received from the particular remote site for purposes of servicing requests for portions of that data requested by the particular client and the cached data resides within local environments of the particular client.

24. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 23 wherein each local service is associated with a unique one of the remote sites.

25. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 23 further comprising switching logic that intercepts requests from the clients which are directed to the remote sites and forwards them to the proxy.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 23 wherein each of the local services includes a certificate associated with a unique one of the remote sites.

28. (Original) The data management and acceleration delivery system of claim 23 wherein a number of the local services communicates securely with a number of the remote sites by initially exchanging mutual certificates.